



**TOWN OF WESTFORD
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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**Meeting Minutes
Economic Development Committee**

**Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 8:15 A.M.
Town Hall Main Conference Room 2nd Floor
55 Main Street, Westford**

Attending: Tom Barry, Eli Demetri, Ron Caterino, Jodi Ross, Bill Nussbaum
Andrew Stern.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Barry at 8:15 A.M.

Administrative Items

Tom Barry announced that Heather Maietta had resigned from the EDC

Joan Bennett and Bruce Rosenberg were introduced to the Committee as potential candidates to join the EDC.

The minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting were postponed until the September 15, 2016 meeting.

Westford Business Association

Patti Mason mentioned that the WBA is looking at having a Westford Business Expo In 2017.

Tom Wilder, a Principal of the Wilder Companies was introduced to discuss the potential growth of the Westford Valley Marketplace. They are currently reviewing how best to revitalize the shopping center, with a target date in the Spring of 2017 to begin that process.

Westford Academy

Tom Barry mentioned that Westford Academy had been ranked #47 in the Newsweek Magazine's top 100 Public High Schools in the country.

Lowell Five

Tom Barry and Bill Nussbum met with Cheryl Popp, Business Development Manager, Tom Boucher, Sr. V.P. and Christina St. Onge Assis. V.P. to discuss their interest in becoming involved with the Westford business community.

Acton EDC

Eli Demetri reported on phone conversations with Larry Kenah requesting business data base information from the Westford EDC. Information was shared about our method of compilation of data. EDSAT and other Westford EDC activities were discussed. They were very complimentary about our approach to how we handled various initiatives within our committee.

12 North Main Street

Approximately 282 tons of debris have been removed from the site. Some funds are being held back to clean up the remaining tonnage left on the contract. Deed research is ongoing. The development RFP will be sent out in September. A Public Meeting is planned for September 14th at the Methodist Church in Graniteville.

Cross Town Connect

The CTC is working on a shuttle both ways to the Littleton commuter rail station. Discussion with IBM is ongoing, to share the Alewife shuttle with Red Hat and Juniper.

Work Plan Sub-Committee

A Sub-Committee is being set up to assess our 2016 progress on the Work Plan

New Business

A Nabnasset Village Meeting has been proposed for the end of October or early November. Bill Nussbum will discuss a meeting venue with the village associations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Barry
Economic Development Committee Chairman